

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (1968)

MONDAY, MAY 20, 1968

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SELECT COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT STUDIES AND
INVESTIGATIONS OF THE PROBLEMS OF SMALL BUSINESS,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to call, at 10 a.m., in room 2359 Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Joe L. Evins (chairman) presiding.

Present: Representatives Evins, Kluczynski, Smith, Irwin, Conte, Broyhill, Horton, and Burton.

Also present: Richard L. Mitchell, special counsel; Myrtle Ruth Foutch, clerk; Beth Russell Schultheis, staff assistant; and John J. Williams, minority counsel.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will come to order.

We have with us this morning Administrator Moot of SBA and our friends from the SBA staff. We want to take up the hearings on the organization and operation of the Small Business Administration. Before doing so, I note we have present our ranking minority Member, Mr. Silvio Conte, of Massachusetts. Other Members present include Mr. Kluczynski of Illinois, Mr. Smith of Iowa, Mr. Irwin of Connecticut, Mr. Broyhill of North Carolina, Mr. Horton of New York, Mr. Morton of Maryland, and Mr. Burton of Utah. It has been several months since we have had an overall review of the programs of the Small Business Administration. Within the last year there has been new legislation, and new powers have been given to the Small Business Administration which we want to review. We want to conduct hearings that we trust will be helpful and constructive.

The committee has convened this morning for the purpose of reviewing all of the operations of the Small Business Administration.

We want to seek full information concerning all of SBA's programs in its various divisions. The Congress, in creating this committee vested in it by resolution the authority and duty to conduct a continuing review of the operations and programs of Federal laws relating to small business, and the operations of Government agencies as they affect small business. This resolution in part provided:

It shall be the duty of such Committee to conduct studies and investigations of the problems of all types of small business existing, arising, or that may arise with particular reference to * * * (2) Administration of Federal laws relating specifically to small business to determine whether the laws in their administration adequately serve the needs of small business; (3) Whether government agencies give due consideration to the problems of small business * * *.